



Project Developer
Powerlive Zimbabwe

Powerlive Zimbabwe is a local, woman-led company that approaches energy access projects with a gender lens.



Total Project Budget
EUR 1 000 000

EEP Africa Financing
EUR 350 000

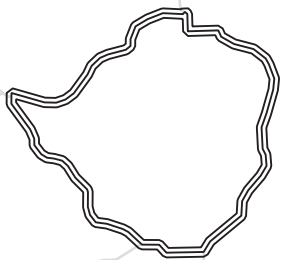
Type
Scale-up project
Stand-alone

Project Code
ZWE15023



Sector
Solar PV

Location
Zimbabwe



EMPOWERMENT THROUGH FEMINIST ELECTRIFICATION

This project will provide clean, safe and affordable solar energy solutions to women and their communities in Zimbabwe. Powerlive aims to distribute over 4,000 solar home systems (SHS) through PAYG to rural off-grid households. The modular systems generate 50-80W and can be scaled up to Tier 5 service. Half of the systems will be sold with productive use assets, such as solar pumps and food processing machines, and Powerlive will provide mentoring support for women micro entrepreneurs. EEP Africa financing will enable Powerlive to rapidly scale-up its business and attract private investments.



Outcome and Impact

The project will provide energy access to over 4,000 rural households and generate annual savings of EUR 240,000 in energy-related expenditure. The systems will generate 300 MWh of clean energy per year and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by replacing kerosene, candles and other non-renewable energy sources. The project will create jobs for 550 women in Zimbabwe.

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